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Applicants : Michael R. Hale et al.
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the February 12, 2007 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("the Notice") issued in the above-identified patent application. The Notice states that the document filed on November 13, 2006 was non-compliant because the formulas in claim 8, page 14, were illegible.

In response, applicants submit the following remarks and corrected section to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) to extend the time for filing this reply for one (1) month, up to and including April 12, 2007. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

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Amendment to the Claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 38.